



March 6, 2013

Greetings!,

Gentle foal handling is a delicate dance of communication. Watch Monty working with a gorgeous Thoroughbred foal (and his dam) using the art of non-violent horsemanship.



Foal Handling with Monty Roberts

QUESTION AND ANSWER

This Week's Question:

What is the most important thing I should know about dealing with a two-month-old foal?

Monty's Answer: The most important knowledge that I can impart to you is to **be safe and work with your foal without violence** and force. At two months of age, probably the most important factor is **leading the foal alongside his mother**. I suggest the use of the **Foal Handler** which is detailed in my book [From My Hands to Yours](#) and on my [Equus Online University](#).

The Foal Handler is a length of one-inch-thick cotton rope joined in a configuration that makes a figure-eight. The length of this rope is determined by the size of the foal. The point where the rope comes together becomes a natural handle. The figure-eight can be adjusted

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Monty's Principles

I know you probably get these emails every minute of every day, but I would like to say a massive thank you from the bottom of my heart for your inspiring work.

Since the day, 20 years ago, brute force was used to load my 6 month old filly, **I vowed she would never get hurt again and I have kept this promise to her**. I shouted at them to stop, but at 15 years old, these men wouldn't listen to me.

Obviously since then I have always had trouble loading her. I attended your demonstration at Merrist Wood College and although I have always been aware of your name and work, I've never truly realized how wonderful a human being you are. I will use your methods with my mare, and pass your name and methods around to as many people that will listen.

I can't really ride anymore because of pain from my tilted pelvis caused

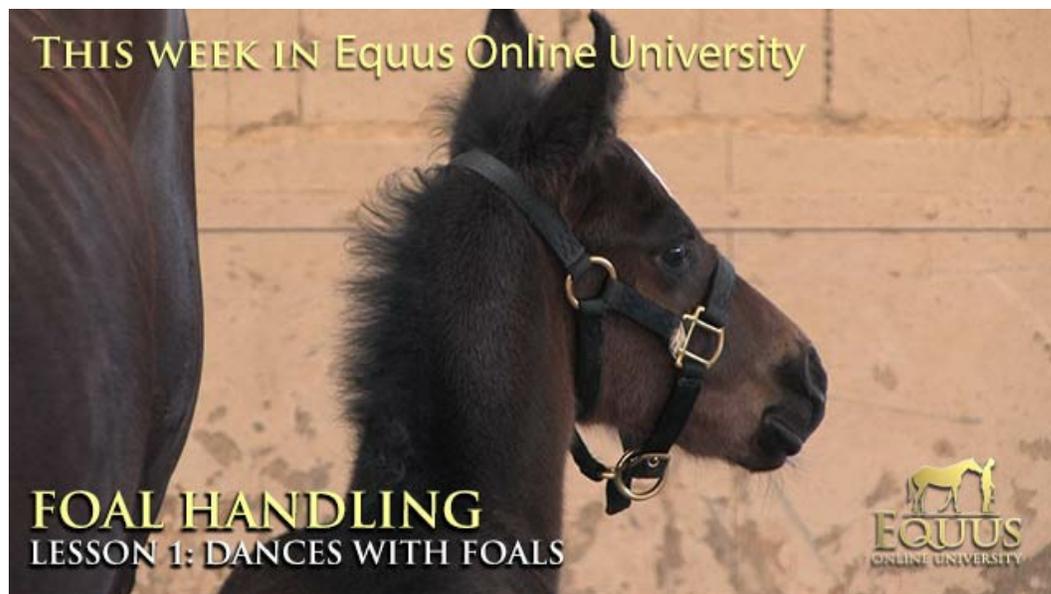
to fit the intended foal. Please see my resources mentioned above to get all the correct details.

Make sure the mare and foal are in a safe enclosure with good footing. Some foals may be frightened, and take a bit of time to accept the Foal Handler. It is important to keep them safe during this acclimation period. I advise that a halter is first placed on the foal. Once haltered, put the Foal Handler on by sliding the smaller loop over the head of the foal and then drop the larger loop around the hindquarters.

In order to prepare your young one for the life experiences it will face, such as veterinary and farrier care, I further suggest that **it is important to groom and pick up feet**, encouraging your foal to stand and to be comfortable with you during these procedures. Most importantly, **everyone will have fun if you are safe and work in the absence of violence.**

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THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



This gorgeous foal is the star of this week's video lesson. Watch and learn from the delicate dance of communication between a foal and Monty Roberts on [Monty's Equus Online University](#).

Current students log in here: www.montyrobertsuniversity.com

Not a student yet? Click on: <http://montyrobertsuniversity.com/sessions/new>

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Or go to www.montyrobertsuniversity.com/about-the-uni

FREE CLINIC FOR WAR HEROES

Horse Sense and Soldiers: **Monty invites veterans with stress injuries to his next complimentary clinic** on March 22-24 at Flag Is Up Farms. [Click here to download the flyer](#) for more details.

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by a riding accident. But **I will use your methods from the ground** and probably have a few lessons from [one of your instructors](#).

Once again thank you millions.

Sally H.

Clinic at Monty's Horse Ranch



At this

clinic, Monty Roberts and Charlotte Bredahl will share with you how they stay true to their concepts of training championship horses. Attend this inspirational event at Monty's spectacular home.

Saturday March 16 * \$300

Saturday March 16 and Sunday March 17 * \$450

Lunch is included at the Roberts' hilltop home.

Call 805-688-6288 to reserve your spot

[Click here](#) to download flyer and pass it around!

Monty on HRTV in the USA

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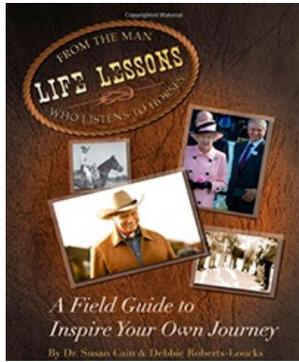
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Please check local TV directories for your time and channel or the HRTV website where times are in Eastern Standard Time:

<http://www.hrtv.com/pros/monty-roberts/>

with re-airings on the weekend.

LIFE LESSONS FROM MONTY



[Life Lessons from The Man Who Listens to Horses](#) is a fascinating journey through the life lessons of New York Times best selling author Monty Roberts. It is a companion field guide to the book, *The Man Who Listen to Horses, The Story of a Real-Life Horse Whisperer*, that spent 58 weeks on the New York Times Bestsellers list. Monty Roberts has written a foreword that will draw readers into his life's work, and send them on a journey to reflect on their own life lessons.

This book retraces the path that Roberts took from the rodeo circuit to training thoroughbred racehorses for Queen Elizabeth II of England. It **offers keen insights about the value of rebounding from setbacks**, why your personal vision matters,

and **how to persist beyond life's challenges**. Coauthors Susan Cain and Debbie Roberts-Loucks present six learning tools to apply learning concepts to real life. **The book will help you find your best way forward**, in an interesting field guide format. Many readers buy both books, *The Man Who Listens to Horses* and [Life Lesson from The Man Who Listens to Horses](#), together. You will walk away from the book amazed at Monty's life lessons, and energized to develop the next chapter in your life.

Hear an **interview with Sue Cain and Debbie Roberts-Loucks about Life Lessons on Horses in the Morning Talkshow**: <http://www.horsesinthemorning.com/hitm-for-03-04-2013-by-omega-alpha-equine-uspc-e-members-the-man-who-listens-and-scary-horse-robots/>

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTY?



March 16-17: [Monty Roberts and Charlotte Bredahl Clinic](#) at Flag Is Up Farms, California. Classic Dressage and Western Riding in Harmony with Your Horse. Call 805-688-6288 for details.

March 22-24, 2013: Another FREE 3-day clinic for war veterans with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms! Contact: maya@join-up.org or admin@montyroberts.com for info.

April 6, 2013: [Monty Roberts Jubileums Show](#), Flyinge Equestrian Center, Sweden

May 3, 2013: [Tour Date in Germany](#), Neustadt/Dosse

May 11, 2013: Possible Tour Date in Holland

For information about Monty's worldwide demos and the courses held at Monty's farm in California go to:

http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/

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Sincerely,



Watch Monty Roberts on Horse & Country TV (Sky channel 280) in the UK and

Ireland. See:

<http://www.horseandcountry.tv/monty>

for more info.

Be a Leader

I believe **trust is essential for great leadership**; and I love the concept of treating horses like you have all the time in the world, because in order to achieve real trust between you and your horse (or between people), **slow is fast and fast is slow**... In other words, if you try to rush through the process of building trust, the most probable outcome will be frustration because you won't get the results you expected.

Best regards,
Chris.

Please share your thoughts on leadership by emailing us:

askmonty@montyroberts.com

Monty's Challenge

Do you think with age comes limitations in being able to become a better rider/ handler?

I ask this as **I am 46 years old** and until I bought Honey 5 years ago **I hadn't ridden or handled a horse in more than 20 years**. I always think there is so much more to learn but **wonder if I have left it all too late**.

I came to see Monty recently and it made me realize that it has taken him a lifetime to get where he is today and you too have had a wealth of experience.

Kind regards,
Sharon

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